

Application No. 09/867,366
Amendment "A" dated August 9, 2004
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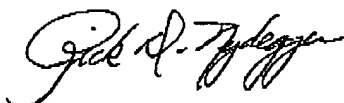
REMARKS

In the Office Action, all pending claims were rejected on the basis of a non-statutory double patenting rejection over the claims of U.S. Pat. No. 6,133,913, from which the present application was filed as a divisional application.¹ Applicants have submitted herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, which, as acknowledged in the Office Action, may be used to overcome such a rejection.

Since this was the sole rejection raised in the Office Action, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance. In the event the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to allowance that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 9th day of August 2004.

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¹ Dependent claims 6 - 9 and 14 - 15 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over the '913 patent and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,467,138 to Gove.